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Subject: Please be more stringent on Microsoft.

Please be more stringent on Microsoft. They need to inter-operate with the rest of the world, not vice versa. Any judgement which is passed that, in any way, allows Microsoft to expand it's grasp of the desktop, server, embedded, or other markets, I would consider a mis-carriage of the law.

The main reason I'd feel that way is because Microsoft has been anti-competitive for far too long. They have stifled the creativity of individuals, development communities, and other corporations.

That in itself, since they have been found guilty of in fact being anti-competitive _and_ being a monopoly, warrants harsh punishment that should reflect in the following ways:

1. Monetarily - Micorosft Corp.'s bottom line.
2. Opened Sources without fear of:
 - a. forced compensation to MS under penalty of law.
 - b. lack of future products not being inter-operable with older products, from MS, after sources have been opened.
3. Shame - MS has no shame, and they should. Imagine the following:
 - a. If your car broke down as often as windows, you'd be upset.
 - b. If an airplane ran on "Windows(tm)" alone.
 - c. If you woke up and everything you owned was in fact owned, operated, and distributed by a single company.
4. Not only Opened Sources, but licensing which accepts liability, and possibly damages, for the company's lack of integrity due to it's poorly designed software and practices.

Thank you for your time.

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"Be ashamed to die until you have won some victory for humanity."
Horace Mann, address at Antioch College, 1859